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## THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in May was estimated at 1,676,400, an increase of 6,300 above the April revised level and 27,600 above May, 1993.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 338,100, displayed an increase from last month's figure of 334,000 and last year's figure of 327,700. Mining moved upward in the oil and gas extraction segment. Each segment of the construction industry exhibited substantial gains. Seasonal increases in the food and kindred products sector of nondurable goods was mainly responsible for the growth in manufacturing employment.

Employment in the service producing industries rose to a level of 1,338,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities continued to ascend primarily as a result of more activity at the state's ports. Trade employment was higher in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls dropped slightly in the real estate and insurance sectors. More business in hotels and other lodging places, business services, and amusement and recreation employment accounted for the majority of the increase in the services industry. State government plunged downward due to seasonal decreases having a negative effect on government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 137,400 production workers in manufacturing increased from $570.72 in April to $572.91 in May, an increase of $2.19, and an increase of $42.45 from May of last year. Average hourly earnings were five cents higher than April and $0.48 higher than May, 1993. Average weekly hours for May were unchanged from last month's figure of 43.7, but exhibited an increase over last year's figure of 42.0 hours.

The May preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, a decrease from the April revised rate of 8.4 percent. The national unemployment rate for May was 6.0 percent, a decrease from the April rate of 6.4 percent. Total unemployment for May decreased to 153,600. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,935,900 with an increase in total employment to 1,782,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 1,676.4 | 1,670.1 | 1,648.8 | + 6.3 | +27.6 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 338.1 | 334.0 | 327.7 | + 4.1 | +10.4 |
| MINING | 46.0 | 45.5 | 45.6 | + 0.5 | + 0.4 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 44.1 | 43.6 | 43.8 | + 0.5 | + 0.3 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 105.3 | 102.2 | 98.6 | + 3.1 | + 6.7 |
| General Contractors | 18.3 | 16.6 | 16.7 | + 1.7 | + 1.6 |
| Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg. | 41.2 | 40.6 | 39.4 | + 0.6 | + 1.8 |
| Special Trade Contractors | 45.8 | 45.0 | 42.5 | + 0.8 | + 3.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 186.8 | 186.3 | 183.5 | + 0.5 | + 3.3 |
| Durable Goods | 80.1 | 79.9 | 77.2 | + 0.2 | + 2.9 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 12.9 | 12.7 | 12.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.8 | 21.7 | 19.4 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| Other Durable Goods (1) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 106.7 | 106.4 | 106.3 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 21.6 | 21.0 | 21.4 | + 0.6 | + 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Inorganic Chemicals | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Organic Chemicals | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Petroleum and Coal Products | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| Petroleum Refining | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods (2) | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.4 | - 0.3 | 0 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 1,338.3 | 1,336.1 | 1,321.1 | + 2.2 | +17.2 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 107.0 | 106.3 | 105.0 | + 0.7 | + 2.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Transportation, ex. Railroads | 64.4 | 63.9 | 62.2 | + 0.5 | + 2.2 |
| Water Transportation | 22.7 | 22.6 | 22.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Communications & Public Util. | 37.8 | 37.6 | 37.9 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Comm., ex. US Postal Service | 15.8 | 15.7 | 15.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv. | 22.0 | 21.9 | 22.0 | + 0.1 | 0 |

## LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 387.5 | 385.5 | 382.3 | + 2.0 | + 5.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 86.7 | 86.3 | 85.6 | + 0.4 | + 1.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 47.2 | 47.0 | 46.5 | + 0.2 | + 0.7 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 39.5 | 39.3 | 39.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 300.8 | 299.2 | 296.7 | + 1.6 | + 4.1 |
| Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| General Merchandise | 40.8 | 40.5 | 39.3 | + 0.3 | + 1.5 |
| Food Stores | 58.7 | 58.6 | 58.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 34.1 | 33.9 | 33.1 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Apparel and Accessory | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.8 | + 0.1 | - 0.4 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 98.9 | 98.3 | 97.7 | + 0.6 | + 1.2 |
| Other Retail Trade | 30.5 | 30.4 | 31.0 | + 0.1 | - 0.5 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE | 78.4 | 78.5 | 77.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Banking | 28.0 | 27.9 | 27.6 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| Insurance | 26.7 | 26.8 | 26.8 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 421.4 | 420.9 | 411.6 | + 0.5 | + 9.8 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 22.3 | 22.0 | 22.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.2 |
| Personal Services | 14.3 | 16.0 | 14.2 | - 1.7 | + 0.1 |
| Business Services | 69.6 | 68.7 | 66.9 | + 0.9 | + 2.7 |
| Auto Repair, Services & Garages | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Amusement & Recreation Services | 17.2 | 15.7 | 14.7 | + 1.5 | + 2.5 |
| Health Services | 142.7 | 142.9 | 139.0 | - 0.2 | + 3.7 |
| Hospitals | 60.0 | 60.3 | 59.0 | - 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| Legal Services | 16.4 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 0 | 0 |
| Educational Services | 27.5 | 28.1 | 27.2 | - 0.6 | + 0.3 |
| Social Services | 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Membership Organizations | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.7 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Eng., Acct. and Related Services | 27.7 | 27.9 | 27.7 | - 0.2 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 344.0 | 344.9 | 344.3 | - 0.9 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 37.2 | 37.0 | 37.3 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| State and Local | 306.8 | 307.9 | 307.0 | - 1.1 | - 0.2 |
| State | 106.2 | 107.8 | 105.9 | - 1.6 | + 0.3 |
| Local | 200.6 | 200.1 | 201.1 | + 0.5 | - 0.5 |

*** Preliminary** ****Revised**

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $572.91 | $570.72 | $530.46 | 43.7 | 43.7 | 42.0 | $13.11 | $13.06 | $12.63 |
| Durable Goods | 525.98 | 527.62 | 469.79 | 44.2 | 44.6 | 42.4 | 11.90 | 11.83 | 11.08 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 409.77 | 404.92 | 388.49 | 43.5 | 43.4 | 43.7 | 9.42 | 9.33 | 8.89 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 470.79 | 458.27 | 482.03 | 41.7 | 41.1 | 43.0 | 11.29 | 11.15 | 11.21 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 435.72 | 445.40 | 427.20 | 41.3 | 42.5 | 41.8 | 10.55 | 10.48 | 10.22 |
| Machinery, ex. Electrical | 515.13 | 527.48 | 479.83 | 44.6 | 45.2 | 42.5 | 11.55 | 11.67 | 11.29 |
| Electric & Electronic Equip. | 972.44 | 863.39 | 846.39 | 50.1 | 47.0 | 47.9 | 19.41 | 18.37 | 17.67 |
| Transportation Equipment | 589.81 | 631.28 | 472.03 | 45.3 | 47.5 | 39.8 | 13.02 | 13.29 | 11.86 |
| Nondurable Goods | 612.37 | 605.32 | 578.80 | 43.4 | 42.9 | 41.7 | 14.11 | 14.11 | 13.88 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 347.99 | 354.08 | 320.52 | 40.7 | 40.1 | 37.4 | 8.55 | 8.83 | 8.57 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 263.34 | 250.12 | 221.58 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 34.3 | 6.93 | 6.76 | 6.46 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 694.64 | 656.74 | 650.62 | 45.7 | 43.9 | 44.2 | 15.20 | 14.96 | 14.72 |
| Printing & Publishing | 470.45 | 465.95 | 453.55 | 39.5 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 11.91 | 12.04 | 11.75 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 912.91 | 873.50 | 835.75 | 46.2 | 45.4 | 45.2 | 19.76 | 19.24 | 18.49 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 943.09 | 1,018.29 | 963.75 | 47.8 | 49.6 | 47.9 | 19.73 | 20.53 | 20.12 |
| Petroleum Refining | 964.02 | 1,044.95 | 994.37 | 47.7 | 49.5 | 48.2 | 20.21 | 21.11 | 20.63 |
| **MINING** | 661.75 | 667.39 | 652.91 | 51.1 | 49.4 | 49.5 | 12.95 | 13.51 | 13.19 |
| **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 632.18 | 608.75 | 574.49 | 42.6 | 42.6 | 40.6 | 14.84 | 14.29 | 14.15 |
| **BANKING** | 343.55 | 336.94 | 325.83 | 37.1 | 39.5 | 36.9 | 9.26 | 8.53 | 8.83 |

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 137,400 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 82,400 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** | May '94* | Apr. '94** | May '93** |
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $688.19 | $660.96 | $648.83 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 43.4 | $15.57 | $15.30 | $14.95 |
| Petro-Chemicals | 948.42 | 910.10 | 910.10 | 47.9 | 46.6 | 47.5 | 19.80 | 19.53 | 19.16 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## NEW ORLEANS AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $586.53 | $596.72 | $542.10 | 44.3 | 44.9 | 41.7 | $13.24 | $13.29 | $13.00 |
| Durable Goods | 475.33 | 502.65 | 423.55 | 42.9 | 45.0 | 39.4 | 11.08 | 11.17 | 10.75 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts. | 475.20 | 452.61 | 467.64 | 43.2 | 41.6 | 43.3 | 11.00 | 10.88 | 10.80 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 415.80 | 419.63 | 425.76 | 39.6 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 10.50 | 10.21 | 10.21 |
| Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair | 455.01 | 480.76 | 367.28 | 43.5 | 45.7 | 36.4 | 10.46 | 10.52 | 10.09 |
| Nondurable Goods | 682.50 | 676.93 | 638.74 | 45.5 | 44.8 | 43.6 | 15.00 | 15.11 | 14.65 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 430.10 | 429.28 | 388.24 | 42.5 | 43.1 | 40.4 | 10.12 | 9.96 | 9.61 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Pdts. | 193.09 | 167.48 | 186.62 | 35.3 | 31.9 | 32.4 | 5.47 | 5.25 | 5.76 |
| Printing & Publishing | 491.99 | 481.12 | 469.06 | 43.5 | 41.8 | 41.4 | 11.31 | 11.51 | 11.33 |
| Chemicals & Allied Pdts. | 930.70 | 877.01 | 897.48 | 47.1 | 45.3 | 48.2 | 19.76 | 19.36 | 18.62 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **34,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ALL MANUFACTURING (1)** | $604.12 | $642.14 | $508.80 | 44.0 | 45.9 | 40.0 | $13.73 | $13.99 | $12.72 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 342.44 | 354.71 | 324.31 | 44.3 | 44.9 | 41.0 | 7.73 | 7.90 | 7.91 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 355.17 | 466.34 | 295.63 | 32.2 | 41.6 | 27.5 | 11.03 | 11.21 | 10.75 |
| Printing and Publishing | 401.83 | 412.57 | 399.74 | 38.6 | 39.9 | 39.5 | 10.41 | 10.34 | 10.12 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 649.07 | 671.85 | 611.15 | 47.0 | 48.3 | 42.5 | 13.81 | 13.91 | 14.38 |

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

## LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| (in thousands) | PRELIMINARY May, 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | REVISED Apr., 1994 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE | REVISED May, 1993 LABOR FORCE | EMPL. | UNEMP. | RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)** | 1,935.9 | 1,782.3 | 153.6 | 7.9 | 1,917.8 | 1,757.2 | 160.6 | 8.4 | 1,881.0 | 1,742.1 | 138.9 | 7.4 |
| **LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)** | 1,928.0 | 1,785.7 | 142.3 | 7.4 | 1,899.6 | 1,753.6 | 146.0 | 7.7 | 1,872.8 | 1,745.3 | 127.5 | 6.8 |
| **METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alexandria 1/ | 56.8 | 53.0 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 55.7 | 51.8 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 55.3 | 52.0 | 3.3 | 5.9 |
| Baton Rouge 2/ | 274.0 | 254.6 | 19.4 | 7.1 | 270.1 | 250.9 | 19.2 | 7.1 | 268.0 | 252.1 | 15.9 | 5.9 |
| Houma 3/ | 78.6 | 73.5 | 5.1 | 6.5 | 76.9 | 71.6 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 75.6 | 70.5 | 5.1 | 6.8 |
| Lafayette 4/ | 157.6 | 146.8 | 10.8 | 6.9 | 154.9 | 144.1 | 10.8 | 7.0 | 154.0 | 143.8 | 10.2 | 6.6 |
| Lake Charles 5/ | 80.8 | 74.5 | 6.3 | 7.8 | 79.8 | 73.4 | 6.4 | 8.0 | 78.1 | 72.2 | 5.9 | 7.5 |
| Monroe 6/ | 65.9 | 61.5 | 4.4 | 6.6 | 65.2 | 60.6 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 65.0 | 60.7 | 4.3 | 6.7 |
| New Orleans 7/ | 593.6 | 553.0 | 40.6 | 6.8 | 585.9 | 543.8 | 42.1 | 7.2 | 582.5 | 545.1 | 37.4 | 6.4 |
| Shreveport-Bossier City 8/ | 174.9 | 162.7 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 171.5 | 158.7 | 12.8 | 7.4 | 168.7 | 158.0 | 10.7 | 6.3 |

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette, St. Martin, Acadia, and St. Landry parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. James, Plaquemines, and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.



## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States.

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | INDEX | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH | % CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| MAY 1994 | 147.5 | + 0.1 | + 2.3 |
| MAY 1993 | 144.2 | + 0.1 | + 3.2 |

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

| AREA | PRELIMINARY MAY 94 LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE | REVISED APRIL 94 LABOR FORCE | EMPL | UNEMP | RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| OAKDALE (ALLEN) | 8,650 | 7,800 | 850 | 10.0 | 8,525 | 7,600 | 925 | 10.7 |
| NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION) | 9,350 | 8,425 | 925 | 9.9 | 9,050 | 8,200 | 850 | 9.4 |
| BUNKIE (AVOYELLES) | 15,050 | 13,375 | 1,675 | 11.2 | 15,050 | 13,150 | 1,900 | 12.7 |
| DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD) | 13,075 | 11,825 | 1,250 | 9.6 | 12,900 | 11,600 | 1,300 | 10.0 |
| ARCADIA (BIENVILLE) | 6,300 | 5,800 | 500 | 8.0 | 6,275 | 5,725 | 550 | 8.7 |
| COLUMBIA (CALDWELL) | 4,450 | 4,050 | 400 | 9.1 | 4,400 | 3,975 | 425 | 9.7 |
| CAMERON (CAMERON) | 3,825 | 3,600 | 225 | 6.1 | 3,750 | 3,475 | 275 | 7.5 |
| JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA) | 5,800 | 5,225 | 575 | 9.8 | 5,750 | 5,150 | 600 | 10.6 |
| HOMER (CLAIBORNE) | 5,700 | 5,200 | 500 | 8.6 | 5,625 | 5,100 | 525 | 9.5 |
| FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA) | 8,675 | 7,625 | 1,050 | 12.1 | 8,475 | 7,475 | 1,000 | 11.9 |
| MANSFIELD (DESOTO) | 10,250 | 9,425 | 825 | 7.9 | 10,025 | 9,225 | 800 | 8.1 |
| LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL) | 3,850 | 3,275 | 575 | 15.1 | 3,950 | 3,250 | 700 | 17.7 |
| CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA) | 8,250 | 7,625 | 625 | 7.6 | 8,075 | 7,475 | 600 | 7.5 |
| VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE) | 12,500 | 11,600 | 900 | 7.3 | 12,275 | 11,375 | 900 | 7.4 |
| WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN) | 10,825 | 9,875 | 950 | 8.8 | 10,875 | 9,800 | 1,075 | 9.8 |
| COLFAX (GRANT) | 7,100 | 6,325 | 775 | 11.0 | 6,925 | 6,150 | 775 | 11.2 |
| NEW IBERIA (IBERIA) | 29,650 | 27,175 | 2,475 | 8.4 | 29,075 | 26,800 | 2,275 | 7.8 |
| PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE) | 13,500 | 11,975 | 1,525 | 11.2 | 13,375 | 11,850 | 1,525 | 11.4 |
| JONESBORO (JACKSON) | 6,650 | 6,225 | 425 | 6.3 | 6,475 | 6,025 | 450 | 6.8 |
| JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS) | 12,050 | 11,125 | 925 | 7.6 | 11,850 | 10,875 | 975 | 8.3 |
| JENA (LASALLE) | 6,050 | 5,525 | 525 | 8.5 | 5,925 | 5,400 | 525 | 8.9 |
| RUSTON (LINCOLN) | 19,275 | 18,550 | 725 | 3.7 | 18,750 | 18,000 | 750 | 4.0 |
| TALLULAH (MADISON) | 5,325 | 4,775 | 550 | 10.3 | 5,325 | 4,725 | 600 | 11.3 |
| BASTROP (MOREHOUSE) | 14,025 | 12,600 | 1,425 | 10.1 | 13,925 | 12,325 | 1,600 | 11.5 |
| NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES) | 16,875 | 15,525 | 1,350 | 8.0 | 16,550 | 15,400 | 1,150 | 7.0 |
| NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE) | 10,225 | 9,150 | 1,075 | 10.5 | 10,050 | 9,050 | 1,000 | 9.9 |
| COUSHATTA (RED RIVER) | 3,875 | 3,525 | 350 | 9.0 | 3,800 | 3,450 | 350 | 9.2 |
| RAYVILLE (RICHLAND) | 9,000 | 8,050 | 950 | 10.4 | 9,000 | 7,950 | 1,050 | 11.6 |
| MANY (SABINE) | 9,225 | 8,650 | 575 | 6.2 | 9,050 | 8,525 | 525 | 5.9 |
| GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA) | 4,025 | 3,775 | 250 | 6.0 | 3,950 | 3,700 | 250 | 6.6 |
| MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY) | 24,600 | 22,450 | 2,150 | 8.7 | 24,175 | 21,900 | 2,275 | 9.4 |
| HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA) | 40,650 | 36,175 | 4,475 | 11.0 | 40,150 | 35,475 | 4,675 | 11.7 |
| ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS) | 3,500 | 3,200 | 300 | 8.4 | 3,475 | 3,200 | 275 | 7.7 |
| FARMERVILLE (UNION) | 11,650 | 10,975 | 675 | 5.9 | 11,475 | 10,775 | 700 | 6.1 |
| ABBEVILLE (VERMILION) | 22,350 | 20,850 | 1,500 | 6.7 | 22,200 | 20,625 | 1,575 | 7.1 |
| LEESVILLE (VERNON) | 16,925 | 15,425 | 1,500 | 8.9 | 16,750 | 15,025 | 1,725 | 10.3 |
| BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON) | 16,925 | 15,375 | 1,550 | 9.2 | 16,625 | 15,100 | 1,525 | 9.2 |
| OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL) | 5,450 | 4,375 | 1,075 | 19.7 | 5,575 | 4,350 | 1,225 | 22.0 |
| ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.) | 3,700 | 3,375 | 325 | 8.5 | 3,650 | 3,350 | 300 | 8.2 |
| WINNFIELD (WINN) | 6,650 | 6,225 | 425 | 6.3 | 6,500 | 6,100 | 400 | 6.1 |

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

**ALEXANDRIA AREA**
**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**
**(In Thousands by Industry)**

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 50.7 | 50.2 | 49.5 | + 0.5 | + 1.2 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.7 | + 0.3 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | + 0.3 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 43.6 | 43.4 | 42.8 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Health Services | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13.4 | 13.2 | 13.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |
| State | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.2 |

**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS**

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA rose to a level of 50,700 in May. This figure was 500 more than April and 1,200 greater than the prior year level of 49,500.

The goods producing sector was on the upswing in May, moving up to a level of 7,100. Construction was up 300 both currently and over the year, as all segments reported more business activity. Mining and manufacturing remained unchanged from the prior month.

The service producing sector experienced a 200 job growth in May and increased 800 from the prior year. The current increase was centered entirely in local government, due to increased staff positions in local education. The prior year growth was scattered throughout the service producing sector.

## BATON ROUGE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 258.2 | 259.5 | 255.3 | - 1.3 | + 2.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 55.1 | 54.6 | 55.3 | + 0.5 | - 0.2 |
| MINING | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.3 | 30.8 | 30.7 | + 0.5 | + 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 22.9 | 22.9 | 23.7 | 0 | - 0.8 |
| Durable Goods | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 0 | - 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemicals and Petroleum Products | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.4 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 203.1 | 204.9 | 200.0 | - 1.8 | + 3.1 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 57.2 | 57.0 | 55.8 | + 0.2 | + 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 43.9 | 43.7 | 42.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| General Merchandise | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 14.7 | 14.8 | 14.5 | - 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Banking | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 64.0 | 64.0 | 63.1 | 0 | + 0.9 |
| GOVERNMENT | 55.5 | 57.4 | 54.7 | - 1.9 | + 0.8 |
| Federal | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 53.1 | 55.0 | 52.4 | - 1.9 | + 0.7 |
| State | 28.4 | 30.4 | 28.4 | - 2.0 | 0 |
| Local | 24.7 | 24.6 | 24.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |

## BATON ROUGE AREA

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 258,200, responding to seasonal reductions in state government. The comparable year-ago level of 255,300 included significant increases in the service producing sector.

The goods producing sector continued to move upward to a level of 55,100 for May. This estimate was 200 less than the year-ago total of 55,300. Construction edged upward to 31,300 as a result of increased business activity solely in the general contractors nonresidential segment. Construction was the only industry reporting over-the-year gains in the goods producing sector. Seasonal employment gains in the food and kindred products segment was offset by losses in chemical and petroleum products, causing manufacturing to remain unchanged over the month.

The service producing sector shifted downward to a level of 203,100, reflecting the typical seasonal release of nonfaculty staff at state colleges and universities. Also on the downturn was finance, insurance, and real estate due to lay-offs in the insurance industry. Trade reported improved business in miscellaneous retail, automotive dealers, and eating and drinking places. Trade was up 1,400 over the prior year, with the increase in the retail segment. Temporary hires in local education were responsible for the over-the-month rise of 100 in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $688.19 for May, an increase of $27.23 from the April average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $39.36. Average weekly hours, at 44.2, decreased by 1.0 hour in May, while average hourly earnings, at $15.57, increased by $0.27 an hour. The increase of higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 274,000. This figure was comprised of 254,600 employed and 19,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 7.1 percent in May.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,356 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,424 referrals to current openings resulted in 86 placements during May.

**HOUMA AREA**
**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**
**(In Thousands by Industry)**

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 61.2 | 60.5 | 59.1 | + 0.7 | + 2.1 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 13.7 | 13.4 | 13.0 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| MINING | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.5 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 47.5 | 47.1 | 46.1 | + 0.4 | + 1.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Water Transportation | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.2 | 15.1 | 14.7 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | + 0.1 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.1 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.4 |
| State | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Local | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.4 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |

**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS**

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA moved up to 61,200, a level of 700 above the April revised figure and 2,100 above May, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 13,700, up 300 from April and 700 higher than last year's estimate. Mining held steady. Construction, estimated at 3,200, showed a small increase of 100. In manufacturing, durable and nondurable goods increased over-the-month by 100 each.

Service producing employment exhibited an overall gain of 400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities remained unchanged over the month. Trade rose slightly by 100 with the gain in the wholesale sector. Services, estimated at 11,800, increased by 100 from April and 400 from last year's figure of 11,400. Government moved up by 200, with the gain in state and local government.

Estimated unemployment was 5,100 in May. Unemployment presently comprises 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma MSA.

**LAFAYETTE AREA**
**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**
**(In Thousands by Industry)**

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 138.5 | 138.1 | 135.8 | + 0.4 | + 2.7 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 34.2 | 34.3 | 33.2 | - 0.1 | + 1.0 |
| MINING | 11.3 | 11.4 | 10.9 | - 0.1 | + 0.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 5.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 0 | - 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 104.3 | 103.8 | 102.6 | + 0.5 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 8.0 | 8.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 35.1 | 34.9 | 34.6 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.1 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 27.0 | 26.8 | 26.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.3 |
| General Merchandise | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 33.4 | 33.1 | 32.4 | + 0.3 | + 1.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 22.1 | 22.2 | 22.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Federal | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 20.8 | 20.9 | 20.7 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| State | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 0 | + 0.1 |

**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS**

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 138,500, an increase of 400 from the April revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,200 in May. This was 100 below last month's estimate, with the mining industry causing the decline in the goods producing sector. The construction and manufacturing industries were unchanged from last month, but compared to a year ago these two sectors have shown an estimated total employment growth of 600 jobs.

Service producing employment was estimated at 104,300, this was a gain of 500 from the previous month. Trade was up 200 with the gain showing in the automotive dealers and miscellaneous retail sectors. Services was up 300 primarily due to seasonal hiring. Government and transportation, communications, and public utilities offset each other with a job change of 100 in their total employment.

**LAKE CHARLES AREA**
**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**
**(In Thousands by Industry)**

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 73.8 | 74.2 | 71.5 | - 0.4 | + 2.3 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 19.7 | 20.3 | 19.1 | - 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| MINING | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7.2 | 7.8 | 6.8 | - 0.6 | + 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.8 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Chemical & Petro Products | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 54.1 | 53.9 | 52.4 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | + 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 16.3 | 16.2 | 16.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.9 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 18.4 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 0 | + 1.3 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| Federal | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| State | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 0 | + 0.3 |

**EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS**

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 73,800, a decrease of 400 from the April, 1994 revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,700, a drop of 600 from the prior month. Construction was off by 600 due to a downturn in the heavy construction sector. Mining and manufacturing industries showed no change from April's level.

Service producing employment was estimated at 54,100, a gain of 200 from the April estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, and trade each had a job increase of 100; while all other sectors held steady for the month.

## MONROE AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 62.8 | 63.2 | 61.9 | - 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.3 | - 0.2 | + 0.1 |
| MINING | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.2 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Durable Goods | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 51.4 | 51.6 | 50.6 | - 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 15.3 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 0 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| General Mdse. & App. & Acc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 16.2 | 16.2 | 15.8 | 0 | + 0.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.5 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| Federal | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local | 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.0 | - 0.2 | - 0.3 |
| State | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Local | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 62,800 during May, 1994. This was a decrease of 400 from the April revised figure and 900 above the May, 1993 estimate.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,400, was 200 below the April estimate and 100 above May, 1993. The loss was in construction and manufacturing nondurable goods.

Service producing, estimated at 51,400, was 200 lower than last month's figure of 51,600 and 800 higher than last year's figure of 50,600. The finance, insurance, and real estate, trade and services sectors remained unchanged over the month. Government declined by 200 with the loss in state and local government.

**NEW ORLEANS AREA**
**Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment**
**(In Thousands by Industry)**

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 574.4 | 575.2 | 568.6 | - 0.8 | + 5.8 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 87.2 | 87.6 | 86.8 | - 0.4 | + 0.4 |
| MINING | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 0 | - 0.4 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.3 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 24.9 | 25.5 | 25.3 | - 0.6 | - 0.4 |
| MANUFACTURING | 48.4 | 48.2 | 47.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.2 |
| Durable Goods | 22.9 | 22.6 | 22.2 | + 0.3 | + 0.7 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| Machinery Inc. Electrical | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | - 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.7 | + 0.2 | + 0.5 |
| Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Other Durable Goods | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 25.5 | 25.6 | 25.0 | - 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 487.2 | 487.6 | 481.8 | - 0.4 | + 5.4 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 42.8 | 42.9 | 42.8 | - 0.1 | 0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Water Transportation | 11.5 | 11.9 | 12.3 | - 0.4 | - 0.8 |
| Comm. & Public Util. | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 139.9 | 139.8 | 140.1 | + 0.1 | - 0.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33.3 | 33.2 | 32.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.2 | + 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 106.6 | 106.6 | 107.3 | 0 | - 0.7 |
| General Merchandise | 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.1 | + 0.1 | + 0.2 |
| Food Stores | 20.4 | 20.5 | 21.0 | - 0.1 | - 0.6 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 38.3 | 38.4 | 39.1 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 29.9 | 30.0 | 29.6 | - 0.1 | + 0.3 |
| Banking | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| SERVICES | 171.4 | 171.9 | 167.8 | - 0.5 | + 3.6 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.5 | + 0.3 | + 0.1 |
| Health Services | 48.9 | 48.7 | 47.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| Educational Services | 18.6 | 19.1 | 18.6 | - 0.5 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 103.2 | 103.0 | 101.5 | + 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| Federal | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 0 | - 0.3 |
| State and Local | 86.0 | 85.8 | 84.0 | + 0.2 | + 2.0 |
| State | 24.7 | 24.6 | 23.8 | + 0.1 | + 0.9 |
| Local | 61.3 | 61.2 | 60.2 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |

## NEW ORLEANS AREA

### EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for May was estimated at 574,400. This estimate was 800 less than the April revised figure, but 5,800 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,200 in May. This was 400 below last month's estimate, but 400 higher than May, 1993. Mining remained stable for May. Construction employment was down by 600 due to less activity in each segment of the industry. Manufacturing payrolls increased mainly due to more business in the durable goods segment.

Service producing, estimated at 487,200, was 400 lower in May, but 5,400 more than May of last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was down in the water transportation segment. Trade employment was 100 higher in the wholesale durable goods segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment decreased in the insurance segment. A seasonal decrease in educational services was mainly responsible for the downturn in the services industry. Government employment was up in the state and local government, except education, segments for May.

An estimated 34,800 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $586.53 per week, down $10.19 from last month's revised average. Average weekly hours were 44.3, down from 44.9 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.24, down from $13.29 in April, but $0.24 higher than May of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 40,600 in May. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent.

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
## Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
## (In Thousands by Industry)

| | May 1994* | Apr. 1994** | May 1993** | Net Change From Apr. 1994 | Net Change From May 1993 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT** | 157.6 | 156.0 | 153.7 | + 1.6 | + 3.9 |
| **GOODS PRODUCING** | 32.1 | 32.1 | 30.7 | 0 | + 1.4 |
| MINING | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 0 | - 0.6 |
| MANUFACTURING | 20.6 | 20.6 | 18.6 | 0 | + 2.0 |
| Durable Goods | 14.4 | 14.4 | 12.5 | 0 | + 1.9 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery, Inc. Electrical | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.5 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 0 | + 1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chemicals & Petroleum Products | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0 | - 0.1 |
| **SERVICE PRODUCING** | 125.5 | 123.9 | 123.0 | + 1.6 | + 2.5 |
| TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL. | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.3 | + 0.3 | - 0.2 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 36.8 | 36.6 | 35.9 | + 0.2 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 28.0 | 27.8 | 27.2 | + 0.2 | + 0.8 |
| FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| SERVICES | 42.5 | 41.4 | 41.1 | + 1.1 | + 1.4 |
| GOVERNMENT | 31.3 | 31.3 | 31.0 | 0 | + 0.3 |
| Federal | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 0 | + 0.1 |
| State and Local | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.0 | 0 | + 0.2 |
| State | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 0 | 0 |
| Local | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.5 | 0 | + 0.2 |

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 157,600 for May. This estimate was 1,600 higher than the April revised estimate and 3,900 higher than the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 32,100, held steady for the month. All industries in the goods producing sector showed no change in May from April's level.

Service producing employment, estimated at 125,500, was up by 1,600 from the prior month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased by 300 primarily due to the Teamster's strike ending. Trade rose by 200 mostly due to more business activity in the automotive dealers sector. Services was up by 1,100 jobs primarily due to one of three riverboat gambling casinos coming on line.

An estimated 15,600 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $604.12 in May, compared to $642.14 in April, and $508.80 a year ago. Average weekly hours decreased to 44.0 in May, compared to 45.9 in April. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.73 in May, compared to $13.99 in April.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA, estimated at 174,900, included 162,700 employed and 12,200 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent.

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| INDUSTRY | LOUISIANA | | | ALEXANDRIA AREA | | | BATON ROUGE AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 1,110 | 920 | 190 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 21 | 16 | 5 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 8,480 | 5,771 | 2,709 | 201 | 158 | 43 | 1,874 | 1,348 | 526 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 3,623 | 1,854 | 1,769 | 74 | 42 | 32 | 275 | 161 | 114 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 1,515 | 848 | 667 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 171 | 96 | 75 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 903 | 605 | 298 | 21 | 13 | 8 | 158 | 110 | 48 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 3,597 | 1,867 | 1,730 | 95 | 53 | 42 | 439 | 179 | 260 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 876 | 623 | 253 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 109 | 81 | 28 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 6,871 | 3,737 | 3,134 | 193 | 100 | 93 | 799 | 417 | 382 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 1,109 | 569 | 540 | 31 | 21 | 10 | 87 | 45 | 42 |
| All Others | 124 | 58 | 66 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 19 | 29 |
| Totals | 28,208 | 16,852 | 11,356 | 672 | 435 | 237 | 3,981 | 2,472 | 1,509 |

| OCCUPATIONS | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 3,768 | 2,803 | 965 | 72 | 60 | 12 | 582 | 403 | 179 |
| Clerical and Sales | 6,200 | 4,054 | 2,146 | 150 | 103 | 47 | 840 | 499 | 341 |
| Services Occupations | 2,781 | 767 | 2,014 | 87 | 32 | 55 | 206 | 55 | 151 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related | 316 | 134 | 182 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| Processing Occupations | 713 | 328 | 385 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 47 | 35 | 12 |
| Machine Trades | 1,135 | 775 | 360 | 63 | 55 | 8 | 109 | 79 | 30 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 925 | 449 | 476 | 23 | 9 | 14 | 36 | 24 | 12 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 8,410 | 5,510 | 2,900 | 176 | 128 | 48 | 1,775 | 1,197 | 578 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 3,960 | 2,032 | 1,928 | 80 | 39 | 41 | 376 | 176 | 200 |
| Totals | 28,208 | 16,852 | 11,356 | 672 | 435 | 237 | 3,981 | 2,472 | 1,509 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| INDUSTRY | HOUMA AREA | | | LAFAYETTE AREA | | | LAKE CHARLES AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 93 | 79 | 14 | 288 | 223 | 65 | 19 | 18 | 1 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 222 | 178 | 44 | 500 | 273 | 227 | 613 | 499 | 114 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 201 | 125 | 76 | 254 | 115 | 139 | 68 | 45 | 23 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 60 | 51 | 9 | 84 | 63 | 21 | 45 | 29 | 16 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 42 | 35 | 7 | 67 | 43 | 24 | 27 | 18 | 9 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 108 | 69 | 39 | 284 | 153 | 131 | 150 | 107 | 43 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 20 | 19 | 1 | 51 | 41 | 10 | 28 | 16 | 12 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 206 | 152 | 54 | 379 | 242 | 137 | 214 | 149 | 65 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 18 | 12 | 6 | 68 | 36 | 32 | 25 | 17 | 8 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 971 | 721 | 250 | 1,978 | 1,191 | 787 | 1,190 | 898 | 292 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 124 | 106 | 18 | 260 | 208 | 52 | 145 | 128 | 17 |
| Clerical and Sales | 179 | 141 | 38 | 414 | 314 | 100 | 248 | 196 | 52 |
| Services Occupations | 71 | 31 | 40 | 204 | 47 | 157 | 76 | 28 | 48 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 15 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Processing Occupations | 132 | 73 | 59 | 62 | 26 | 36 | 31 | 21 | 10 |
| Machine Trades | 35 | 32 | 3 | 72 | 46 | 26 | 53 | 37 | 16 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 9 | 6 | 3 | 105 | 51 | 54 | 24 | 17 | 7 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 298 | 239 | 59 | 588 | 340 | 248 | 486 | 394 | 92 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 108 | 81 | 27 | 261 | 154 | 107 | 117 | 74 | 43 |
| Totals | 971 | 721 | 250 | 1,978 | 1,191 | 787 | 1,190 | 898 | 292 |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF MAY 1994

| INDUSTRY | MONROE AREA | | | NEW ORLEANS AREA | | | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE | TOTAL | WHITE | NON-WHITE |
| Mining (10-14) | 11 | 11 | 0 | 190 | 137 | 53 | 97 | 85 | 12 |
| Contract Construction (15-17) | 237 | 182 | 55 | 1,850 | 1,001 | 849 | 448 | 247 | 201 |
| Manufacturing (20-39) | 99 | 58 | 41 | 752 | 386 | 366 | 420 | 182 | 238 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49) | 19 | 14 | 5 | 764 | 356 | 408 | 116 | 58 | 58 |
| Wholesale Trade (50-51) | 7 | 6 | 1 | 294 | 177 | 117 | 110 | 77 | 33 |
| Retail Trade (52-59) | 163 | 88 | 75 | 1,269 | 592 | 677 | 378 | 163 | 215 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67) | 36 | 28 | 8 | 412 | 263 | 149 | 91 | 64 | 27 |
| Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09) | 271 | 152 | 119 | 2,803 | 1,458 | 1,345 | 663 | 318 | 345 |
| Public Administration (91-97) | 22 | 6 | 16 | 339 | 120 | 219 | 138 | 88 | 50 |
| All Others | 1 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 13 | 25 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Totals | 866 | 546 | 320 | 8,711 | 4,503 | 4,208 | 2,470 | 1,288 | 1,182 |
| **OCCUPATIONS** | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional, Tech., & Managerial | 116 | 92 | 24 | 1,631 | 1,150 | 481 | 306 | 227 | 79 |
| Clerical and Sales | 233 | 156 | 77 | 2,412 | 1,414 | 998 | 614 | 396 | 218 |
| Services Occupations | 104 | 30 | 74 | 1,110 | 247 | 863 | 355 | 66 | 289 |
| Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ. | 10 | 3 | 7 | 55 | 26 | 29 | 38 | 5 | 33 |
| Processing Occupations | 9 | 5 | 4 | 133 | 51 | 82 | 15 | 1 | 14 |
| Machine Trades | 53 | 39 | 14 | 310 | 179 | 131 | 121 | 70 | 51 |
| Benchwork Occupations | 8 | 2 | 6 | 128 | 54 | 74 | 112 | 45 | 67 |
| Structural Work Occupations | 156 | 120 | 36 | 1,966 | 1,001 | 965 | 418 | 222 | 196 |
| Miscellaneous Occupations | 177 | 99 | 78 | 966 | 381 | 585 | 491 | 256 | 235 |
| Totals | 866 | 546 | 320 | 8,711 | 4,503 | 4,208 | 2,470 | 1,288 | 1,182 |

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